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SOF Family Fest:

Events aimed to raise mission awareness

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
19th SOS

Preparations are under-way for the first-ever SOF Family Fest Saturday.

SOF Family Fest, a collaboration between Special Operations Forces and the 16th Services Squadron's annual Family Fest, is planned for families and friends of personnel assigned to Hurlburt Field, Duke Field and Air Force Special Operations Command units at Eglin Air Force Base.

The goal of the event is to raise awareness on the mission and duties of the military members assigned to Special Operations and supporting units. Eventgoers can expect to see a wide variety of AFSOC aircraft and static displays from all branches of the military.

Following the remarks by the 16th Special Operations Wing commander Colonel O.G. Mannon, an MC-130 Combat Shadow will conduct a helicopter refueling over the airfield. Air Force Combat Control personnel will follow the demonstration with a fast rope performance onto a waiting vehicles below.

Entertainment will include games and activities geared to children, cultural dancing, performances by a military rock band and performances by the U.S. Air Force Drill Team throughout the day.

Items such as cameras, strollers and lawn chairs are allowed



Courtesy photo

Special Operation Forces members fastrope from an MH-53 PAVE LOW during a training exercise. A fastrope demonstration is among one of many exciting events scheduled for Saturday's SOF Family Fest.

inside the event grounds. Items not allowed into the event include pets, backpacks, coolers and outside food. Free bottled water will be available in the concession area. Organizers encourage eventgoers to use the shuttles that will be provided throughout the day since parking at the flightline will be limited.

Pickup points for the shuttle are as follows: the commissary/base exchange parking lots, J.R. Rockers, base chapel and the 16th Special Operations Wing and Headquarters AFSOC building. The family fest will take place at the flightline from 9

a.m. to 6 p.m.

A map of the event is shown on Page 5.

Schedule of Events

9 a.m. – Event opens to public
Noon – Opening remarks by Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander
12:10 p.m. – Flyby; an MC-130 and an MH-53 in pre-contact
12:30-1 p.m. – Mrs. Mannon will sign the SOF Family Fest proclamation; prize giveaways by the 16th Services Squadron
1-2 p.m. – Dancers (panamanian)
2-2:30 p.m. – Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team demonstration
2:30-3 p.m. – 313th Army Band, Birmingham, Ala.
3:30-5 p.m. – Dancing (polynesian)
5-5:30 p.m. – Prize giveaways by the 16th SVS
6 p.m. – Event ends

AFSOC sets bar high for FM support, capabilities, recognized 'best practices' organization

Courtesy of AFSOC/FM

A reputation for quality decision support, organizational credibility and a commitment to force development recently earned Air Force Special Operations Command's directorate of Financial Management and Comptroller recognition as a "best practices" organization by the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, Michael Montelongo.

Headquarters AFSOC/FM is one of five Air Force financial management organizations selected to be showcased in a short film highlighting areas of proficiency and excellence – role models for other Air Force financial organizations.

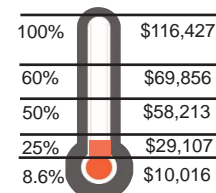
Todd Schafer, Mr. Montelongo's director, Workforce Management, recently interviewed the FM staff and many recipients of AFSOC/FM's services, including Lt. Gen. Mike Wooley, AFSOC commander, Chief Master Sgt. Jim Mowry, AFSOC command chief, Headquarters AFSOC directors of operations, AFSOC Plans and Programs and Logistics, and Col. Cliff Day, 16th Mission Support Group commander.

All gave high marks to AFSOC's resource warriors.

"I challenge you to find a more highly credentialed workforce in terms of advanced academic degrees and professional military education," said General Wooley. "You need them on your team. They're technically astute, know how to properly analyze and staff an issue and more importantly, they know how to assess risks and venture onto

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2005 Air Force Assistance Fund



Three and a half weeks into the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, Hurlburt Field has raised more than \$28,638, and has reached two percent participation.

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Weather
forecast

Today – Cloudy; High 65, Low 45
Saturday – Partly cloudy; High 68 Low 48
Sunday – Partly cloudy; High 70, Low 52

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Open lines of general interest will be printed in the COMMANDO. I'll answer the others by letter or a phone call.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.



Col.
O.G. Mannon

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DUI Tracker



March 11 - 17: 1 DUI

This year: 5

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Security Forces Squadron, March 14

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 114

16th OG...25

16th MXG...11

16th MSG...3

16th MDG...91

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of March 17.

Hurlburt Field tuition assistance reinstated

Courtesy of education center

The base education center has received additional funding to continue to support the Hurlburt Tuition Assistance Program.

The current focus is to issue assistance for courses that will begin in March and April.

The policy advertised on Page 2 of the March 11 COMMANDO remains in effect. Military students pursuing a course of study during a term of 10

weeks or less will receive tuition assistance for a maximum of six semester hours. Students pursuing a course of study during a term longer than 10 weeks will receive tuition assistance for a maximum of nine semester hours.

Students wishing to receive tuition assistance for more semester hours than stated above must submit a request for a waiver with full justification, outlining the reason those limits must be exceeded. Requests for a waiver to this policy must be routed through the individ-

ual's group commander for coordination and sent to the education office for final approval of funds.

Reasons to request additional credits include temporary duty or work schedule, class schedule cycle, commissioning plans, retirement, separation from the Air Force and graduation. Please note that this isn't an all-inclusive list.

Base officials assure they'll continue to make every effort to fund tuition assistance as this program benefits active-duty members and the Air Force.

Sexual jokes have no place in the Air Force

By Capt. Kenneth Mercier
16th Military Equal Opportunity

Sexual harassment is among the hottest topics in the military today in terms of behavior receiving the most scrutiny. In the past, sexual harassment was more overt, as in outwardly obvious.

Today, sexual harassment is much more covert with the advent of e-mail and electronic technology. In a word, offenders are becoming more "sly" in their harassment methods.

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, is committed to ensuring each individual assigned to this wing has a workplace that's free from sexual harassment.

Of note, in his policy letter on sexual harassment dated Oct. 22, 2004, the wing commander defines the workplace as "an expansive term for military members and may include conduct on or off duty, 24 hours a day."

You may think that once you depart the base your conduct isn't being monitored. The reality is you can be punished for what you do or say when you leave this base if your behavior isn't in line with Air Force policy.

Sitting in the MEO chief's chair for the past eleven months,

I've noticed there seems to be a growing myth among many people that telling sexual jokes or e-mailing sexually-related jokes in an attempt to be "funny" or "cool" is okay as long as all the parties involved aren't offended.

Two words inherent with the wing commander's policy disagree with that way of thinking: zero tolerance. Zero tolerance is a concept that doesn't discriminate between what's socially acceptable in some circles. It doesn't consider whether certain groups think it's okay to tell sexual jokes in the workplace. Zero tolerance won't tolerate individuals who refuse to conform to military professionalism. It ensures the military is producing professionals Americans can be proud of, rather than being disappointed by the inappropriate behavior of those professionals they hold in such high esteem.

Joking in a sexual manner, whether verbal, non-verbal or physical, only takes one instance to negatively impact a person's career. The conduct of any member of the world's finest Air Force must be above reproach. Keep that in mind before telling a sexual joke or sending an e-mail sexual in nature.

Sexual jokes in the workplace violate Air Force policy and are inappropriate. Most importantly, you'll never know where that e-mail may end up.

Women's History Month: Struggles, successes

By Jean Best-Richardson
39th Services Squadron

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — I asked a young Airman recently to participate in our Women's History Month program. His immediate response was, "Why isn't there a Men's History Month?"

The more I thought about it, the more I realized this young man probably never lived through some of the circumstances I experienced. Maybe he genuinely didn't understand the condition of women in the military and society in the past. He encounters women of all ranks every day.

Many young service members may not realize what it was like to be a female military or federal employee in 1969. Many people may not know the long strides the military took to allow women to hold positions equal to men. I was hired as a telephone operator at the

Philadelphia Naval Base in 1969. Then, upper-level managers were men, and women were teachers, secretaries, telephone operators or cashiers. The few women supervisors I encountered supervised only female employees.

When I arrived at Hahn Air Base, Germany in 1972, I was denied a job as a telephone operator because I was pregnant. After more than four years of federal work, I couldn't get a job. After my pregnancy, I was allowed to continue my federal career.

Later that year I transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where I was hired as a civilian personnel clerk. I worked on the Federal Women's Program, which helped women apply for non-traditional jobs on the base. We provided female military spouses and civilian women the information they needed to convert their volunteer experience into paid positions. We helped women acquire positions as

telephone linesmen, construction workers, supply technicians and helped them seek a formal education.

Soon after, I became a clerical assistant in the civil engineer squadron where women were expected to type, take shorthand and make travel arrangements for the entire staff, as well as make coffee. While the Air Force was making a serious effort to recruit female engineers, all the engineers here were men.

When I think about the young man's question, I know that men had an advantage all those years because women weren't readily accepted into the traditional workforce. Now, we've come to a time in the military when women receive the same salary as men for the same work. One day the glass ceiling in the civilian workforce might shatter and women can earn their proper place in the workforce and we'll no longer need a Women's History Month. (AFPN)

39th IOS streamlines course, simplifies training

By 1st Lt. Davina Petermann
39th IOS

The flagship course of the 39th Information Operations Squadron is getting a makeover.

The former 69-day, eye-watering monstrosity known as the Information Operations Integration Course is becoming a streamlined 27-day course that's sure to dazzle.

Since the course first stood up in October 1999, 450 Information Operation warriors have graduated from the course. Though the course satisfied set requirements, members of the 39th IOS have focused their efforts for the past two months on rewriting the course to reflect current doctrine and better meet the needs of the Information Warfare Flights.

"We have a commitment to provide superior IO training and education to our students and I'm really proud of the way everyone's pulled together to ensure we accomplish this mandate," said Lt. Col. Thaddeus Settemire, 39th IOS commander.

According to Capt. Mark Cowden, IOIC course director, the rewrite was based on three major reasons: IWF feed-

back indicated the course didn't meet initial qualification training needs; IWF roles in Air and Space Operations Centers and proven IO Tactics, Techniques and Procedures weren't included in curriculum and an output of 81 students per year didn't meet the AF demands which were set at 150 per year.

"The new course focuses on all students receiving training in each core capability to allow a broader IO understanding versus in-depth knowledge in one area," Captain Cowden said.

"Training will also focus on lessons learned, the roles and responsibilities of an IWF member in various Air Operations Center divisions and the application of IO across the spectrum of operations," he added.

To answer the need to train more people, the 39th IOS will train 125 students this year and 150 others next year.

"Everyone's working extremely hard and pulling long hours to make sure we produce the best course possible," said Captain Cowden. "Every single person is important to our success and they haven't let us down," he added. "It's a true testament to the dedication of the people in our squadron."

According to Captain Cowden, the

Tech. Sgt. Troy Reddell, (far right) 39th Information Operations Systems, instructs Information Operations Course students.

new course will better train and educate Air Force personnel to plan, execute and assess information operations. April 14 is the grand unveiling of the new course. By the time students see it, members of the 39th IOS will have been working on the new course for four months non-stop.

"Students coming to the new course in April are in for a great ride," Colonel Settemire said. "We have an awesome instructor cadre that's passionate about their work and excited to share their knowledge with future IO warriors."

Here, there, everywhere: Base takes part in national event

By Vanessa Adame
Public Affairs

Community leaders from the local area helped observe the nation's biggest reading celebration recently when they participated in the National Education Association's 8th Annual Read Across America Day.

The child development center commemorated the day, which honors the famous author, Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, by expanding it into a week-long event to allow for various

guests to participate in the program.

Ray Sanson, Rep., District 4 and Don Gaetz, Okaloosa County Schools Superintendent, were distinguished guest readers who turned out for the celebration. The students thanked the community leaders with a card they created and presented it to them at the end of the session.

"The children were absolutely delightful," Mr. Gaetz said. "They're interested and involved and it's obvious that the staff is doing an exceptional job at preparing them for elementary school next year."

Service members and base dignitaries including Lt. Col. Victor Manges, 16th Mission Support Group deputy, and his wife, Kathleen, were among the guest readers. Lt. Col. Chris Wright, 16th Services Squadron commander and Neil Howard, 16th SVS deputy, also turned out for the literary event.

"I'm very proud of the CDC team for implementing this wonderful program for our children," said Colonel Wright, who read the all-time favorite "Green Eggs and Ham" to the tiny Dr. Seuss fans.

"Having our distinguished guests read was important not only to the children but to the staff," said Lisa LaConte, CDC director. "It sends them an important message that what they do every day is appreciated by community leaders."

Organizers are expecting an even larger and better celebration next year when they hope to have more distinguished guest readers and more base squadrons participate.

As part of the program, the development center also hosted a book fair during the week.

Photo by Lisa LaConte

Don Gaetz, Okaloosa County Schools superintendant, reads to children at the child development center Feb. 28.

Special
OPERATORS

Congratulations to the following Hurlburt Field Honor Guard award winners:

Staff Sgt. Luis Lozano, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Milestone Award
Staff Sgt. Jeff Burchfield, 20th Special Operation

Squadron, Motivation Award

Senior Airman Valentine Gomez, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron, Military Excellence Award

Senior Airman Aleksandr Ilin, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Drill Team Member of the Year

Senior Airman Odis King, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Chief Master Sgt. Timothy M. Dickens Award and Hurlburt Field's Ultimate Ceremonial Guardsman

Spotlight on...

Senior Airman Tobias Ellis

Duty Title: MH-53M Helicopter Maintenance Journeyman

Organization: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Kenner, La.

Hobbies: Playing basketball, continuing education

Contribution to the mission: Airman Ellis' leadership places him ahead of his peers.

He worked extended hours maintaining MH-53M helicopters at home station and while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed, he found and replaced a leaking flight control servo-cylinder, while training mechanics on the procedure.

He was praised by the Depot Agile Repair Team supervisor for his assistance in installing a smart cable modification which allowed greater reliability for the helicopters' electronic warfare system. Airman Ellis was the 16th HMKS' selection for the Hurlburt Field Airman of the Year.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition.

Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

Air Commandos awarded NDIA's highest accolades

By Lt. Col. Daniel Grillone
6th SOS

Two of Hurlburt Field's finest were awarded the highest level of achievement at the 16th Annual National Defense Industrial Association Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict Symposium in Washington, D.C. Feb. 3.

Retired Lt.Col. Jerome Klingaman, 6th Special Operations Squadron, and Lt. Col. Anthony Logue, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Space Operations Division chief, were recognized for their outstanding contribution to mission areas supporting SO/LIC.

Mr. Klingaman was recognized for more than 50 years of service. For the past 10 years, he's served as the director of strategy and plans with the 6th SOS. He also has a distinguished record of achievement while on active duty, when he flew numerous combat missions in Vietnam as a RAVEN forward air controller in O-1 aircraft.

He's also contributed a vast amount of academic

expertise in the area of SO/LIC through his participation in various educational programs. As senior research fellow at the Center for Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., he helped write Air Force doctrine for foreign internal defense, and as a member of a national security council working group, he helped author our National Security Strategy for Low Intensity Conflict.

Also recognized at the ceremony was Colonel Logue for his outstanding contribution to enhancing the survivability of Special Operations Forces fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, through implementation of the blue force tracking program.

The ability of battlefield commanders to maintain situational awareness of SOF aircraft is now unprecedented. This situational awareness now enables command and control centers to warn aircrews of new and emerging threats in their flight path as they execute deep missions over enemy territory.

Upon completion of the first field installation

supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Colonel Logue continued the effort at home station. He led the installation and modification of every AFSOC aircraft and helicopter before they deployed to execute Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then deployed to the Iraqi theater to provide on-site expertise to utilize the blue force tracking data in this major conflict. He was immediately pressed into service to modify coalition SOF aircraft that had never seen this type of capability.

Colonel Logue individually managed the installation of equipment on 20 coalition aircraft and helicopters, and provided the necessary aircrew and ground personnel training to implement this capability. The enhanced situational awareness from his efforts has significantly improved the combat survivability of AFSOC SOF aircraft and reduced the fratricide of SOF personnel.

The NDIA is a partnership between industry and government facilitates growth, innovation and technological advances for all facets of the defense industrial base.

Duke military personnel flight wins AFRC small-unit award

By Sandra Henry
919th SOW Public Affairs

The 919th Mission Support Flight received good news recently, when Air Force Reserve Command announced the best units in the mission support world.

The military personnel flight, which falls under the 919th MSF, earned the Geritt D. Foster Jr. award, which distinguished them as the best small unit MPF in the Air Force Reserve.

The MPF consists of three sections: Education and Training, which includes enlisted specialty training, formal schools, and education benefits; Personnel Systems, responsible for all computer-based personnel programs; and Personnel Programs, which consists of career enhancement, customer service, employment, relocations, readiness, and the career advisor.

The 27-member MPF team supports 1,300 reservists assigned to the wing, said Capt. Terry Lisenbee, 919th MSF deputy chief. The MPF also provides many services for the 300-plus active-duty members assigned to Duke Field in support of the wing's MC-130E Combat Talon I mission and limited support for local retirees.

"Because we are an active-associate unit supporting active-duty members, and due to our Special Operations missions, we've had to adopt innovative ways of doing business," said Captain Lisenbee. "Members of the unit consistently sought solutions using teamwork and customer focus."

Two especially noteworthy areas were Education and Training and the Personnel Readiness Unit, said Captain Lisenbee.

Senior Master Sgt. Jackie Odom, chief of base education and training, and his staff ensured everyone was mission ready by mak-

ing sure all required job training was complete.

Master Sgt. Greg Paci, chief of readiness and the PRU, spent countless hours ensuring the needs of the deployed commander were met by matching the right people with the right skills for the mission, said the captain.

Another noteworthy area was Personnel Systems, said Captain Lisenbee.

Senior Master Sgt. Ken Hayes, Personnel Systems manager, established pinpoint accuracy for personnel systems by using and developing spreadsheets, metrics and communication tools yielding an annual data accuracy rate of 99.7 percent, he said.

Senior Master Sgt. Joe Kemp, Personnel Programs chief, said he can't single out any one individual in the MPF as being an outstanding performer because everyone assigned is outstanding.

"We've had an especially heavy load since Sept. 11, 2001, cutting movement orders each time someone deploys," he said. "These are the first major deployments we've had since the active-duty squadrons arrived, and taking care of them in addition to our traditional Reservists has really kept us hopping."

Not only was the MPF busy at home doing such chores as issuing more than a thousand government identification cards and deploying more than 1,000 active-duty members and Reservists, they were also filling critical tasks overseas, said Lt. Col. Michael Black, 919th MSF commander. MPF members accumulated nearly 2,000 deployed days in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"I am proud of the extraordinary accomplishments of the men and women of this unit," said Colonel Black. "Their pride, professionalism and passion netted superior results."

Special OPERATORS

Congratulations to the following individuals promoted to senior master sergeant:

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unfamiliar terrain."

According to the most recent Air Force Climate Survey, the average score for AFSOC/FM was 9.4 points above the AF average for the 13 factors measured.

A skill-gap analysis performed by SAF/FM consultants found the AFSOC financial managers' competency levels to be well ahead of the rest of the FM community in areas of education, professional certifications and PME completion.

Almost 60 percent of FM personnel above the captain/GS-12 grade possess a test-based certification, such as defense financial manager, public accountant or internal auditor. The FM staff budgets and executes Air Force funding as well as Special Operations unique funding provided through U.S. Special Operations Command.

Colonel Day said it's the continual improvements to customer service care

that gives AFSOC/FM its credited reputation.

"They're the money experts," he said. "They lead us in the right path with regards to spending so we can be good stewards of the public's money."

Bill Rone, Financial Management and Comptroller director, was impressed by the selection and the positive feedback about his comptrollers, but he wasn't surprised.

"AFSOC financial managers are honored to serve our Special Operators and Combat Search and Rescue warriors," Mr. Rone said, "and to work alongside an outstanding AFSOC staff and talented commanders. We're constantly looking for opportunities to improve service. I'm proud to be the leader of AFSOC/FM — the finest group of officers, enlisted and civilians within the Air Force Financial Management Community."

The film will be edited at the Pentagon and released in May to be shown at national and executive conferences Air Force-wide.

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Task force establishes sexual assault policy

By Tech. Sgt. Vicki Johnson
314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark.

— Everyone has a role in preventing and responding to sexual assault, said the commander of the Joint Task Force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response during her remarks at a women’s history luncheon here.

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain assumed command in October 2004. The task force is establishing sexual assault policy for the Department of Defense.

“(Sexual assault) is the most underreported crime in our society,” she said. “We have to talk about it.”

The eight-person, multi-service task force is striving to improve prevention efforts, enhance support to victims and increase system accountability, General McClain said.

The task force was formed because of a report released in April 2004 by the DOD’s Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault. The report called for the military to

do more to help sexual-assault victims. The armed forces had 901 alleged sexual assaults reported in 2002 and 1,012 in 2003.

“The task force is to establish overarching policy that would bring all services up to the same standard,” General McClain said. “Now that the policy is in place, implementation is the next step. Implementation is the hard part — making sure that everybody understands the intent of the policy — so we ... tackle this issue and make it better.”

Education is paramount for the success of this program, General McClain said. Everyone in DOD, military and civilian, will receive initial training.

It will be taught at basic military training, technical schools and first term Airmen centers. Training will be recurring, probably annually, she said.

Sexual assault affects military readiness, General McClain said. The military is a team and for a team to be successful, people have to rely on each other and they have to trust each other.

Women’s History Month Trivia Contest Questions:

1. Who is best known for founding the American Red Cross?

2. She took her job as “First Lady” seriously, traveling the country and the world to gather information about the problems and concerns of workers, children, minorities, and the poor. She wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts. Who was she?

3. Her 1939 Easter Sunday concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial drew a crowd of 75,000. Who was she?

4. She is regarded as the greatest ballerina born in America. Her father was the Chief of the Osage Indians. Who was she?

5. She opened “Hull House” in a run-down Chicago, Ill. neighborhood, a community center to improve conditions for poor immigrants. The program of English-language classes, childcare, health education and recreational opportunities soon inspired hundreds of other settlement houses throughout the country. Who was she?

Test your knowledge. Answer these questions and win a fantastic prize. Submit your answers to pamela.williams@hurlburt.af.mil. The winner will be announced at the Women’s Luncheon March 31. Provide contact information.

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96th MDG construction affects inpatient services

The 96th Medical Group at Eglin Air Force Base has now reached the midpoint of its \$38 million military construction project. The next phase of hospital construction activities will temporarily impact certain medical specialties.

Inpatient services are currently located in the affected areas. Thus, all inpatient surgeries and admissions will be temporarily managed by our local TRICARE network rather than at the base hospital until April 15. For the most part, 96th Medical Group physicians will perform all scheduled surgeries at local network facilities.

Hospital staff will work directly with our beneficiaries to ensure a seamless transition for all inpatient care until these services return to Eglin AFB. In the event construction activities are completed ahead of schedule, services may transition into the facility even sooner.

For more information, call Maj. Adam Bearden at 883-8736.

Base wing develops management Web site

By 1st Lt. Nathan Broshear
505th CCW Public Affairs

As Lt. Col Ned Lynch, 505th Command and Control Wing chief of wing plans, puts it, the wing is really "wired" nowadays.

That's because the 505th CCW's has developed a Web site in-house and dubbed it DataWing.

DataWing is an interactive, internet-based scheduling and coordination tool developed by specialists at the Air Force's newest and possibly the most distributed wing.

"Our wing is spread out over many locations around the United States," Colonel Lynch explained. "DataWing enables us to collaborate and coordinate events and schedules without a lot of phone tag and e-mails."

The Web site works as a project management and calendar tool that enables the 505th CCW to manage the many exercises, tests and experiments that are conducted each day.

After an event is entered, unit representatives

can weigh in on their ability to support the event.

"It's important that communications, the school house, protocol, contractors and military have situational awareness on what's in the pipeline," Colonel Lynch said. "Very often, we identify problems before they happen — and that's the whole point."

The new development allows commanders at deployed locations to schedule tests and visits months in advance, said Colonel Lynch.

"What would normally take a lot of coordination now takes just a few keystrokes."

The 505th CCW has just completed training organizations that they partner with for exercises on DataWing.

After training, registrations and events on the site rose dramatically.

"DataWing just keeps growing and becoming a more powerful tool," Colonel Lynch said.

For more information, or to become a registered DataWing user, visit <https://505ccw.hurl-burt.af.mil/xp>.



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Women's History Month Schedule of Events

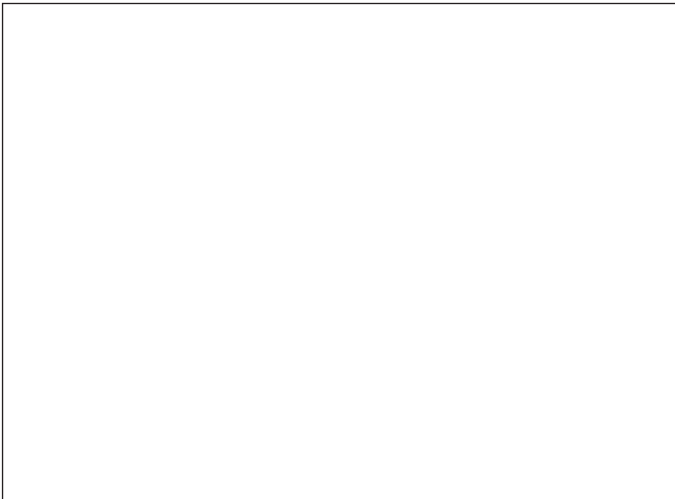
Trivia Contest - Today and March 25. Check out the COMMANDO for trivia questions and contest details. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Pamela Williams at 884-7574.

Commando spotlights - March 25. The COMMANDO will highlight Hurlburt Field women in various career fields. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Samantha Powers at 884-7322.

Runway Rampage - March 31. The three-mile run /walk down Hurlburt Field's runway will begin at 7 a.m. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Finney at 884-1957.

Women's Luncheon - March 31 at noon at the Soundside club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Steven Hagget at 884-1618.

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Lucky...

Tammy Shiverly (left), representative with Proctor and Gamble, stands with Marilyn Trevino after the commissary presented her the keys to a new Chevy Aveo LT. The two are joined by Nicholas Narbeth, commissary assistant director. The commissary held a drawing for the car for two weeks after the grand re-opening Feb. 17.

Eglin Airmen go to war with stumps

By Senior Airman
Mike Meares
96th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

When Hurricane Ivan hit the coastal area here Sept. 16, destructive winds as high as 130 miles per hour knocked down power lines and countless trees.

It left a devastating mark on the landscape of Northwest Florida, including nearby Bob Hope Village, one of two Air Force Enlisted Village locations.

Six months later, people are still cleaning up downed trees and stumps left by the sixth most powerful hurricane in recorded history, officials said.

The instructors of the 96th Ground Combat Training Squadron put away their weapons for a day and got out chain saws, shovels and rakes to help village residents clean up some debris.

"With the damage we had out here, the insurance didn't cover a thing," said Debbie Carrier, the village's deputy director. "Our deductible was actually

more than the actual cost of the damage."

With more than \$300,000 in damages, village officials turned to the Air Force and surrounding communities for help.

The day after Hurricane Ivan left, more than 300 Air Force volunteers started the clean-up process, and it has been ongoing for the past six months.

"Without a doubt, the volunteer support we've received from the Air Force has been tremendous," Ms. Carrier said. "Every group of volunteers has done nothing short of tremendous. They have always gone above and beyond."

Airmen of the 96th GCTS said they wanted to do their part as well and spent a day cutting down broken trees, pulling stumps and doing some cleanup for the residents.

"The residents of Bob Hope Village have done more than their share for the military," said Master Sgt. Ken Lein, a 96th GCTS instructor. "We just wanted to, in some small way, give a little back to them and say thank you."

The Airmen saved the village, which runs solely on donations, more than \$2,000 by removing more than 100 trees and stumps.

Military

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association, Chapter #44 and Auxiliary #248 are holding their monthly meeting March 26 at 6 p.m. in J.R. Rockers' Destination Room. Each member is requested to attend and bring a friend or another member. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-2695 or Master Sgt. Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

Road closure

Simpson Avenue will be closed from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday to correct the traffic markings previously installed. Emergency vehicles will have precedence when necessary. Your cooperation and patience are appreciated during this closure. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

JSOU course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all Special Operations personnel to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Monday through March 25. The course provides non-technical education on the cultural, historical, political, economical, social, religious and security dynamics of the Asia-Pacific region. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Monday. For more information, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858.

USAFSOS course

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will hold the Introduction to Special Operations Course April 19-22 for those who are new to, returning to or professionally affiliated with U.S. Special Operations Command.

ISOC provides military and civilian members with a joint understanding of Special Operations Forces to include structure, assets and capabilities. For seating availability, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731. For more information on ISOC, visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos> or call 1st Lt. Brian Wiggins at 884-6861.

EQUAL-Plus guide

In order to improve efficiency and customer service, the Air Force Personnel Center implemented some changes to the volunteer process for the EQUAL Plus program. Effective immediately, personnel desiring to apply for an EQUAL Plus advertisement must update their volunteer status through the Assignment Management System Web page.

All members must volunteer by updating the six-digit advertisement button on AMS. Volunteering by any other means will continue to be considered, but only as documented exceptions due to technical difficulties with AMS. Members will continue to use MILPDS to update assignment preferences for continental United States and overseas locations as well as for voluntary assignment programs.

Community

Summer Hire Program

Hurlburt Field is in the process of planning and preparing for the 2005 Summer Hire Program, which consists of full-time jobs (40 hours per week) available to students who will be 16 years of age by the work start date (May 31).

The Air Force Personnel Center will advertise for

summer-hire vacancies until April 1. Students must be enrolled in high school, technical or vocational school, or a college/university and taking at least a half-time academic/vocational/or technical course load to qualify. The summer hire announcements can be viewed at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs. Information on how to apply can be found in the AFPC Job Kit, which is located on the Web site above or applicants can pick up a copy at the Hurlburt Field Civilian Personnel Office, Building 90210, Room 135. For more information, call 884-5212.

POW speaking engagement

A retired Air Force officer, who spent six years in Vietnam's most infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison camp, will talk about this life-changing experience at a special event hosted by the Mary Esther office of First Command Financial Planning March 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Soundside club. In this story of survival, bravery, teamwork and patriotism, Barry Bridger will share how the prisoner-of-war experience has helped him assess what's truly important in his life. To make reservations or for more information, call Samantha Berens at 581-5000.

Lighters on aircraft

The Transportation Security Administration announced recently all lighters will be prohibited from sterile areas of airports and aboard aircraft to include checked baggage. This is in accordance with the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Passengers won't be allowed to have any lighter, including butane, absorbed fuel, electric/battery-powered and novelty lighters.

TSA will strictly enforce this new policy beginning April 14. A traveler may still carry up to four books of matches in his carry-on luggage, however, they'll eventually be added to the prohibited list. For more information, call the Traffic Management Office Passenger Travel Section at 884-6619 or visit www.tsa.gov.

Base housing spring cleanup

A mandatory base housing spring cleanup will be held April 2-3 and 16-17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The self help store will be set up at the marina parking lot, the main base store and Commando Village's RV storage lot. The store will issue 10 plants per household, topsoil/fertilizer, red rubber mulch, pine straw and grass seed. Wheel barrows, rakes and shovels will be available for sign out.

Easter events

The annual egg hunt will be held March 26 at the Community Park at 10 a.m. Different areas will be designated for specific age groups - birth to 2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. For more information, call 884-6355.

Also, an Easter buffet will be held March 27 at the Soundside club. Featured menu items include: carved leg of lamb, inside round beef and Virginia ham, chicken Florentine, whole baked salmon, grilled mahi mahi Key West, and traditional breakfast favorites and desserts. Cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$8.50 for youth ages 5-11, free for children 4 and under. Advanced payment and reservations required; call 884-7507.

Cable rate increases

On-base residents who have elected to establish cable services through Cox Communications Gulf Coast are reminded of the upcoming rate-changes for some services offered. Effective with customer bills being sent out April 1, the price of limited basic service (channels two to 24) will increase from

\$10.72 to \$11.07, and the price of standard service (channels two to 70) will increase from \$38.45 to \$40.44. These increases result in a 3.9 percent increase for the average monthly bill. For more information, call 796-1269.

Lost, found items

The 16th Security Forces Investigations section has numerous items that have been returned as lost, unclaimed or abandoned property. These items include mountain bikes, a child's bike, Lokata Direction Finder, gold bracelet and a Hummingbird VHFS Marine Band Radio. If you feel any of these items belong to you, call the Security Forces Investigations section at 884-7705; must provide proof of ownership to retrieve items.

Tsunami relief

The school age program and Torch Club staff and members are conducting a playathon March 28 to help raise money for children and other victims affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami. Members of the Hurlburt Field community who would like to make a pledge for participating youth may stop by the youth/community center, Building 90337, or call 884-6355 on or before the date of the playathon. Proceeds will be donated to a joint Boys & Girls Club/UNICEF initiative for tsunami relief. For more information, call youth programs at 884-6355.

Volunteer

Airman's Attic, Loan Closet

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airman's Attic and Loan Closet. Hours for the Airman's Attic are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; hours for the Loan Closet will be Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Retirees are also encouraged to volunteer. For more information, call Terri Harshman at 884-1533.

SOF booth

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron's Pollution Prevention Program is looking for volunteers to man its table at Special Operations Forces Family Fest Saturday. Four volunteers will be needed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. to hand out free stuff and office information; three people from 4 p.m. to close. For more information, call Robin Armhold at 884-7969.

APIA Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific/Islander American Heritage Month. Currently the military equal opportunity office is inviting volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cecillio Bartolome at 884-2246.

Classes

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

Diabetes Follow Up - Tuesday, 9 a.m.
Fitness Improvement Program - Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Body Composition Improvement Program - Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Prenatal Nutrition - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Prenatal Fitness - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy - Thursday, 1 p.m.

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

March 14, 1918 - The first aerial patrol by the 1st Pursuit Group flew in France.

March 15, 1950 - The Air Force took responsibility for

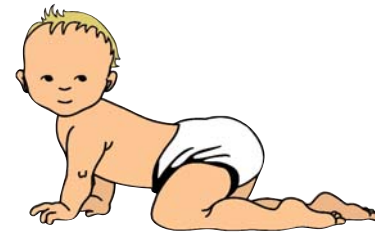
all strategic guided missiles.

March 16, 1916 - The first military aerial reconnaissance flight was made over Mexican territory.

March 17, 1911 - The first Curtiss airplane was bought by the Army Signal Corps.

March 18, 1945 - One thousand two-hundred fifty bombers escorted by 670 fighters gave Berlin the heaviest attack of World War II.

Look who's new in pink, blue...



Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September - May
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available
Jewish Services (882-2111)
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center
Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.



At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.
Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

The Hurlburt Field Theater is closed until further notice

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066.
For movie information, visit <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm>.



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Courtesy of military equal opportunity

The Air Force best performs its missions in an environment that fosters fair treatment for its people.

It must conduct its affairs free from unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment and provide equal opportunity and treatment for all members irrespective of color, national origin, race, religion, or sex, except as prescribed by statute or policy.

Each Air Force member has the right to participate in and benefit from programs and activities in which they're qualified, and shall only be evaluated on their individual merit, fitness and capability.

It's a fact that when members are discriminated against or sexually harassed, the mission is jeopardized.

The military equal opportunity office is one of the installation commander's staff agencies charged with carrying out Air Force policy.

MEO assists the installation commander in ensuring members are treated fairly and can work in an environment free from unlawful

discrimination and sexual harassment on their installation.

In order to accomplish this, MEO has been given several key responsibilities.

The MEO office is responsible for clarifying allegations of unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment filed by military members and their dependents if not related

**Master Sgt.
Norman
Williams**

to Department of Defense employment.

Along with clarifying discrimination complaints, the MEO office provides many other services. These services include: conducting equal opportunity incident clarifications, and maintaining close contact with commanders to inform them of problems that may adversely affect their members' behavior, health, duty performance or mission.

**Tech. Sgt.
Dexter Coburn**

MEO also conducts a vast array of equal opportunity and treatment/human relations education such as First Duty Station, newcomer's orientation, commander's calls and spe-

cially requested briefings.

To help commanders assess their human relations climate within their organization, MEO conducts Unit Climate Assessments.

The UCA provides squadron members the opportunity to voice their perceptions of their unit anonymously back to their commander.

When necessary, inquiry officers and commanders utilize MEO as subject-matter experts when they deal with equal opportunity and treatment issues within their unit.

Finally, to maintain close liaison with on and off-base agencies and establishments, MEO serves as advisors on several councils, special emphasis groups and cultural observance committees.

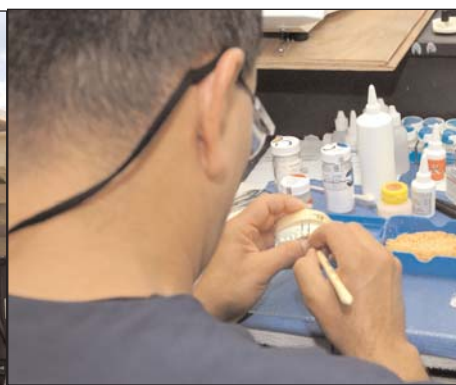
Bottom line, MEO is there to help you - the individual, the supervisor and

the commander - accomplish Hurlburt Field's critical mission.

For more information, call MEO at 884-7888 or stop by the office in Building 90210, Suite 241.

**Bottom line, MEO is there
to help you...**

**Staff Sgt.
Bill White**





Retiree Championship

The "Retiree Championship" tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday. The walking cost is \$25 for Hurlburt members, \$35 for Eglin members, and \$45 for non-members.

Tees will be determined by flight: "modified" blue tees for championship flight; white tees for middle flights; glossed wooden tees for last flight; and gold tees for the women's flight. For more details on rules and scoring, call Gator Lakes at 881-2251.

Bocce tournament

A bocce ball tournament will be held at Resources for Human Development April 16 at 11 a.m. Resources Human Development is located at 625 Lovejoy Road. For more information, call Sandy at 862-6340.

Ultimate frisbee

Anyone interested in playing ultimate frisbee or soccer pick-up games on base during the lunch hour. For more information, call Marty Mears at 884-3050.

Runway rampage

Hurlburt Field will be hosting a 5k run/walk to raise money in support of the Air Force Assistance Fund March 31 at 7 a.m. The registration \$5, or \$10 to receive a t-shirt. All proceeds will be donated to the Air Force Enlisted Village.

The first place male and female runners will receive an Army Air Force Exchange Service gift card. Parking for the rampage run will be in the field at the south end of the runway.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Finney at 884-1957.

AMXS B edges AFSOC in final seconds, 51-49

By Airman 1st Class James Dickens
Public Affairs

The 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron B intramural basketball team stunned fans at Tuesday's championship games at the Aderholt Fitness Center, where they upset Air Force Special Operations Command.

The first time AMXS B met AFSOC in the playoffs they lost by eight and were sent to the loser's bracket. But, they got their second shot after beating the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The first game of the championship was a nail biter, with only 10 seconds left in the game Jimmy Christensen, 16th AMXS, scored to turn a one-point deficit into a one-point victory at 50-49 and a chance to win the base championship.

If the first game wasn't enough for the fans, the second game had to do it for them.

AFSOC started the second game quick, getting leads as big as 10 and 12 points. But, AMXS B pulled within five points before the half.

During the second half, the score went back and forth. But, with only 14 seconds left, the score was frozen at 49.

AFSOC went for the kill, but came up empty after missing two layup chances. With the clock reading 5.1 seconds left in the game, AMXS B called a timeout.

AMXS B inbounded the ball and passed it quickly to Jamel Madison, 16th AMXS, who threw up a shot that would win the game 51-49.

The crowd went crazy and erupted into cheers as the shot fell through the basket, naming AMXS B the 2005 Hurlburt Field Men's Intramural Basketball Champions.

Commando's dominate Northwest Florida soccer

By Airman 1st Class
James Dickens
Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Field soccer team clinched the Northwest Florida 2005 Championship recently with a record of 10-2-1.

Hurlburt Commandos coach, Tim Gibson, Air Force Special Operations Command, was also named the Northwest Florida Soccer League Coach of the Year after a season of hard work and dedication.

"This award was just a direct

reflection of my players and the dedication they showed all year long," Gibson said.

"We had a pretty athletic team, that was able to out work and overpower other teams," said Ryan Archambault-Miliner, 16th Comp-troller Squadron.

The Hurlburt Commandos represented Hurlburt Field well all season long, Archambault-Miliner said.

"It was good getting out there in the community representing the base," said Gibson.

The Commandos will represent Northwest Florida in the Florida State

Championship in April.

"There is going to be some good competition at the tournament, but I think we stand a good chance to do some damage," Archambault-Miliner said.

Although the soccer season began in January and ended in March, the Hurlburt team is still practicing to prepare for the big tournament.

"Jim Harriott and everyone at the fitness center really helped us a lot this year," Gibson said. "Without those guys, we wouldn't have been able to do this."



Courtesy photo

The Hurlburt Field soccer team poses under the net during the season for their group shot.

Super Day

A coach's meeting for Hurlburt Field's Super Day will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Aderholt Fitness Center. Everyone is encouraged to send a representative. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.